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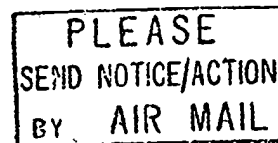
FOR: Golf Tee

Attn: G. A. U. 3711

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

U.S.A.



Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on: 07/26/2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 4 and 7 without prejudice; remain
Claim 6 unchanged; and amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A golf tee comprising:

a peg member integrally formed with rigid materials and
including a peg inserted into the ground, a head portion formed
on an upper portion of said peg, and a pair of lugs
circumferentially formed on the head portion ~~adapted to be~~
~~inserted into the ground;~~ and

a flexible holding member integrally formed with flexible resilient materials and ~~mounted on the peg member for supporting a golf ball on said holding member; said flexible holding member including: a coupling base engaged with said peg member, a seat portion formed above said coupling base for holding the golf ball on said seat portion and a plurality of links connected between said seat portion and said coupling base for supporting said seat portion and said golf ball loaded on said seat portion;~~ having a longitudinal axis defined at a longitudinal center of said flexible holding member and said peg member when coupled together; said flexible holding member including: a coupling base engageable with said head portion of the peg member; a seat portion formed above the coupling base for holding said golf ball thereon; an axial link axially formed in said longitudinal center of the flexible holding member about the longitudinal axis, and connected between the seat portion and the coupling base; and at least two side links circumferentially connected between the seat portion and the coupling base and disposed about the axial link; said coupling base including a socket recessed in a bottom portion of the base for engaging the head portion of the peg member with the socket, a pair of retaining extensions arcuately formed on an inside wall of the socket about said longitudinal axis for retaining the pair of lugs formed on the peg member, a pair of slots arcuately notched in the coupling base about the longitudinal axis for engageably locking the pair of lugs formed on the peg member; whereby the

peg member is rotated to engage the lugs on the peg member with the slots formed in the coupling base and to retain the lugs of the peg member on the retaining extensions of the coupling base to thereby firmly lock the peg member in the holding member to form a golf tee; and whereby upon driving of the golf ball off the seat portion of the holding member by a striking force as struck by a club head to slightly bias said holding member, said holding member will be restored upright automatically when releasing the striking force to allow the golf tee to be repeatedly reusable.

2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) A golf tee according to Claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein said lug is formed as wedge shape, and said slot is correspondingly formed as wedge shape.
6. (original) A golf tee according to Claim 1, wherein said seat portion includes: a plurality of protrusions circumferentially formed on a rim of a shallow cavity spherically recessed in a top portion of the seat portion for supporting the golf ball on the protrusions with point-to-point contact between the golf ball and the protrusions of the seat portion.
7. (canceled)

~~1. Claim.~~

(currently amended)

1. A golf tee comprising:

a peg member integrally formed with rigid materials adapted to be inserted into the ground; and

a flexible holding member integrally formed with flexible resilient materials and mounted on the peg member for supporting a golf ball on said holding member; said flexible holding member including a coupling base engaged with said peg member, a seat portion formed above said coupling base for holding the golf ball on said seat portion and a plurality of links connected between said seat portion and said coupling base for supporting said seat portion and said golf ball loaded on said seat portion; having a longitudinal axis defined at a longitudinal center of said flexible holding member and said peg member when coupled together, whereby upon driving of the golf ball off the seat portion of the holding member by a striking force as struck by a club head to slightly bias said holding member, said holding member will be restored upright automatically when releasing the striking force to allow the golf tee to be repeatedly reusable.

(canceled)

2. ~~A golf tee according to Claim 1 wherein said peg member~~

and includes a peg inserted into the ground, a head portion formed on an upper portion of said peg and engaged with said coupling base of said flexible holding member, and a pair of lugs

circumferentially formed on the head portion.

3. ~~A golf tee according to Claim 1, wherein~~ ^{including} ~~said flexible holding member includes:~~ ^{said} ~~said coupling base engageable with a head~~ ^A ~~portion of the peg member;~~ ^a ~~said seat portion formed above the~~ ¹ ~~coupling base for holding said golf ball thereon; an axial link~~ ^{said} ~~axially formed in a longitudinal center of the flexible holding~~ ~~member about the longitudinal axis, and connected between the~~ ~~seat portion and the coupling base; and at least two side links~~ ~~circumferentially connected between the seat portion and the~~ ~~coupling base and disposed about the axial link.~~ ^{combined}

4. ~~A golf tee according to Claim 2, wherein~~ ^{including} ~~said coupling base~~ ^{said} ~~includes a socket recessed in a bottom portion of the base for~~ ~~engaging the head portion of the peg member with the socket, a~~ ~~pair of retaining extensions arcuately formed on an inside wall~~ ~~of the socket about a longitudinal axis for retaining the pair of~~ ~~lugs formed on the peg member, a pair of slots arcuately notched~~ ~~in the coupling base about the longitudinal axis for engageably~~ ~~locking the pair of lugs formed on the peg member; whereby the~~ ~~peg member is rotated to engage the lugs on the peg member~~ ~~with the slots formed in the coupling base and to retain the lugs~~ ~~of the peg member on the retaining extensions of the coupling~~ ~~base to thereby firmly lock the peg member in the holding~~ ~~member to form a golf tee.~~ ^{and}

5. A golf tee according to Claim 4, wherein said lug is formed as

(currently amended)

wedge shape, and said slot is correspondingly formed as wedge shape.

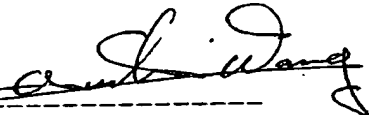
6. ^(original) A golf tee according to Claim 1, wherein said seat portion includes: a plurality of protrusions circumferentially formed on a rim of a shallow cavity spherically recessed in a top portion of the seat portion for supporting the golf ball on the protrusions with point-to-point contact between the golf ball and the protrusions of the seat portion.

- X 7. ^(Canceled) ~~A golf tee according to Claim 1, wherein said links have a compression strength durable for supporting the golf ball loaded on said holding member without bending, twisting and deforming the links.~~

and accepted by PTO.

9. Accordingly, this application is now thought to be allowable, especially after this amendment. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted;

By: 

Austin Wang

signed on: 19/8/2004